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Subject: microsoft antitrust and the idea of fines for microsoft..

Well just to put things in alignment towards fining Microsoft for their
unfair practices. You fine Microsoft and they pass the cost on down to their
customers. That means I pay for the fines you levy on Microsoft. And so does
everyone that owns a PC.

The Fact is this:

When I started my hobby with computers I priced the other O.S. developers.
There was Digital Research D.O.S. and Microsoft D.O.S. along with the UNIX
environment. To tell you the truth DR. DOS was so buggy and cumbersome that
it wouldn't do at all. The UNIX based O.S. world was in the stratosphere
with their prices. $500.00 to over $1000.00 for a single system. Not to
mention the cost of the "supported" hardware! Microsoft O.S. ran on
anything and it coat me $100.00.

Even to this day Microsoft O.S. is still cheaper than any UNIX O.S. I would
dare SUN or HP or Novel to make their O.S. as inexpensive as the Microsoft
O.S.

As for the UNIX-like open source O.S. like Linux, FreeBSD. What could be
better than free! Well, to say the truth, free isn't always the best. I
have to admit that Linux looks and acts a lot like UNIX. FreeBSD is more
UNIX like than Linux and very stable. To be truthful, I use Linux O.S. in my
home network for servers and I have yet to experience serious problems. The
Big Drawback is that the UNIX-like operating systems are not for the Newbie!
They are to say the least, frustrating and not at all user friendly.

The Open Source Community has had it in for Microsoft for a long time. May
be they have a legitimate gripe against Microsoft, but I don't see it as far
as the Newbie is concerned.

Microsoft makes an O.S. that is less expensive than UNIX, much easier to use
than UNIX and UNIX-like operating systems and ANYONE can use it with little
effort.

Now if the open source community could do what Macintosh is doing, I could
say that they would have a competing O.S. for the masses. (Macintosh O.S.
version X is the FreeBSD kernel with the Mac GUI.) Wow!

So much for my opinion;

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